Monrovia, Liberia, Sept. 28. 1836

My Dear Sir,

I acknowledge the receipt of your favor of June 30th, 1836, notifying me of my appointment by your Board of Managers, as "Agent of the Maryland State Colonization Society & Governor of Maryland in Liberia". I cannot express my high sense of their liberality, and the flattering manner in which they have conferred the appointment. This is certainly a new era in the history of the man of color; and our community though astonished, still applaud to the skies this movement of the Board.

I accept their appointment with pleasure, and shall endeavor, by a conscientious discharge of duty to convince them and the world, "that their authority in fact or in duration will not be less in Africa because it is wielded by other than a white man". And however short, I may fail in coming up to their estimate of the abilities which their representative in Africa ought to possess, yet the principles which have prompted them to action are certainly in advance of this age of liberal ideas. They have departed from the old & beaten paths, by their resolutions in my favor, and may my right hand forget "its cunning" ere I abuse their confidence. I shall enter on my duty with my whole mind engaged in it, and failure shall

John H. Newnard
Wed. Sept. 28. 1837
To
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